

Aurora Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 20, 2021 – Virtual - Ratified

Board Chair: Arlene Huhn
Recording: Marla Leganchuk

Attendees: Shazin Mohamed-Standing, Robert Kossick, Tajinder Bansal, Brandon Plaizier, Keira Hanrahan, Zahida Hirani-Saran, Janet Rockwood

Guests: Jacqueline Harman, Mary Healy, Jacqueline Kossick

1. Call to order of the regular Board meeting (*Arlene Huhn - Board Chair*)

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:04pm, and was held online in compliance with COVID-19 Pandemic social distancing regulations.

I. Approval of the January 20, 2021 Agenda (Motion) Attachment 1

Motion to accept the agenda as amended, by adding “Committees” made by: Keira Hanrahan
Seconded by: Shazin Mohamed-Standing
Unanimous. Carried

II. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2020 (Motion) Attachment 2

Motion to accept the December 10th 2020, board meeting minutes made by: Brandon Plaizier
Seconded by: Tejinder Bansal
Abstain: 1
Unanimous. Carried

III. Actionable Items from previous meetings (review)

2. Acting Superintendent Report (*Janet Rockwood*)

I. Elementary Entrance Construction Update (information) Attachment 3

Appliances were installed in the staff lunch room today. City inspection of the electrical passed today. Second inspection is scheduled for tomorrow or Friday. Asphalt and landscaping will need to be completed in the Spring. Students will continue to enter in their assigned doors in the back. During COVID the new front entrance will be used as an entrance for late Elementary students only and visitors.

II. Update on HVAC Upgrade (information) Attachment 4

The expectation is that the HVAC should be completed by end of January. As of today, the project is still waiting on electrical. Alberta Infrastructure has provided approval for some more payment of the funds.

III.COVID-19 update (information)

The Province changed the language for COVID notices. This change was implemented to help clarify the language by informing families of different COVID stages of “Alert” to “Outbreak”. A survey was conducted in December regarding Aurora Parent Satisfaction. Results from this survey indicated that families felt positive about Aurora’s communications and procedures.

IV.COVID-19 requests - None

V.Updates (information)

As of January, we have a new Deputy Minister of Education Andre Trembley. Janet met with Alberta Education and discussed Aurora’s 3-year plan.

Aurora is looking at expanding “Lunch and Learns” to increase student supports as well as having staff and lunch room supervisors completing the “Respect in School” course. Administrative Staff are also required to complete the “Respect in Workplace” course.

Aurora would like to extend a Thank you to Sherbrooke Community League for the valuable relationship. Aurora students have been skating at the ice rink and have benefited greatly from the experience.

December 18th was given to staff as a day off in recognition of their hard work during these unprecedented times.

VI.Assurance Model (information)

Janet presented on the Assurance Model and the new format and timelines. Janet also advised of the new requirement of increased engagement from stakeholder’s in developing school priorities.

VII.2021-2022 Draft School Calendar (Motion)

Attachment 5

Janet presented the 2021-22 school calendar.

Motion to accept the calendar as presented made by: Keira Hanrahan
Seconded by: Shazin Mohamed-Standing
Unanimous. Carried

3. Director of Finance Update

(Director of Finance Shazin Mohamed-Standing)

I.Updated financials (information)

Attachment 6

Shazin presented the December financial statements and went over actual and budgeted variances.

4. **Board Committee Reports**

I. Policy Committee (*Keira Hanrahan - Policy Committee Chair*)

No report - Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting

5. **Board of Directors** (*Arlene Huhn - Board Chair*)

I. Superintendent Recruitment Proposal (motion)

Motion to contract David Johnson and his proposed bid of \$7,000, to conduct our superintendent recruitment made by: Brandon Plaizier

Seconded by: Robert Kossick

Unanimous. Carried.

II. Advocacy - Charter Schools

Jacqueline Kossick discussed Charter School advocacy and the ASCA Alberta School Council Association. Discussion on how to promote Charter Schools in positive and educational manner.

III. Committees

Board discussed the various committees and allocations to committees. The following are current and prospective board committees.

Audit/Financial Committee

TAAPCS Committee

Policy Committee

Stakeholder Update Committee

Growth Committees

Website Committee – The Board discussed ending the website committee

6. **Calendar Reminders**

I. Teacher Collaboration and PD Day (no classes) January 29, 2021

II. Aurora Board Policy Committee Meeting February 3, 2021, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

III. Aurora Board of Directors Meeting February 16, 2021, 7:00 pm (Tuesday)

Motion to go into camera made by Robert Kossick at 9:11pm

Motion to go out of camera made by Robert Kossick at 9:14pm

2. **Adjournment** (projected)

Motion to adjourn at 9:14pm made by: Brandon Plaizier